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69/262. Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015

The General Assembly,

I

International Public Sector Accounting Standards

Recalling section IV of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, section V of its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243 of 24 December 2009, its resolution 65/243 A and section II.B of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, section I of its resolution 66/232 B of 21 June 2012, its resolution 66/246 and sections II and V of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011, section IV of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012 and section II of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013,

Having considered the seventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations,[1] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the Standards[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the seventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations[1] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the Standards;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Accepts* the fourth progress report of the Board of Auditors;

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;

[1] A/69/367.
[2] A/69/155.
[3] A/69/414.

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5. *Welcomes* the progress made in the development of the benefits realization plan, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in the context of future progress reports, to include information related to capturing the quantitative and qualitative benefits across 15 key categories relating to the 5 key strategic benefits originally envisaged as resulting from the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

II

Information and communications technology in the United Nations

Recalling section II of its resolution 60/283, its resolutions 63/262, 63/269 of 7 April 2009 and 64/243, section XVII of its resolution 65/259, its resolution 66/246 and section I of its resolution 67/254 A of 12 April 2013,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[4] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[5]

Stressing the need to harness the potential of information and communications technology to support the work of the United Nations in the areas of peace and security, development, human rights and international law,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[5] subject to the conclusions and recommendations contained in the present resolution;

3. *Underlines* the importance of information and communications technology in meeting the growing demands of the Organization as it becomes increasingly reliant on its information and communications technology infrastructure;

4. *Also underlines* the importance of information and communications technology in strengthening oversight and accountability and in increasing the availability of accurate and timely information to support decision-making;

5. *Recognizes* the important role played by information and communications technology in facilitating efficient and effective deliberations within intergovernmental bodies, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Information and Communications Technology its continuing collaboration with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of the Secretariat in order that they may continue their efforts to address relevant issues, as appropriate;

6. *Welcomes* the new information and communications technology strategy for the United Nations, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

7. *Recalls* paragraphs 22 and 64 of the report of the Advisory Committee, endorses all the elements of the proposed information and communications technology strategy, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure its implementation, taking into account the comments, observations and recommendations of the Board of Auditors and of the Advisory Committee, subject to future decisions of the General Assembly;

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[4] A/69/517.

[5] A/69/610.

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, at its seventieth session, detailed information on the implementation of all the elements of the proposed new strategy, including an implementation plan, with a clear timeline, a list of strategic information and communications technology goals linked to the overall goals of the Organization and a list of ongoing and future strategic information and communications technology initiatives supporting those goals and their costs, benchmarks and deliverables to measure their performance, expected benefits and risks, as well as an indicative five-year overall information and communications technology budget projection for the Secretariat;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to reduce the level of fragmentation of the current information and communications technology environment across the Secretariat and at all duty stations and field missions;

10. *Notes* the ongoing reform and initiatives by the Office of Information and Communications Technology that aim to support the work of the Organization, and in this regard emphasizes the need for the Office to continue its efforts, with the aim of facilitating the work of the Organization and its support to Member States, including through the provision of relevant services to delegates at all main duty stations, as appropriate;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chair of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to invite the heads of United Nations entities to consider the possible harmonization and sharing of services as well as the related costs of information and communications technology, as appropriate, in particular at field locations, and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

12. *Underlines* the importance of strong and accountable management of information security, and recognizes the need to ensure central control of information security and the Chief Information Technology Officer as the central authority for information security;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventieth session a progress report on the status of the 10-point action plan to strengthen information security, as well as the actions taken to fully address the mandates specified in its resolution 68/247 A;

14. *Acknowledges* that the lack of effective governance and leadership in the area of information and communications technology has resulted in a high level of duplication and fragmentation of the information and communications technology functions within the Secretariat;

15. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to foster deeper coordination and collaboration within the Organization, and emphasizes that the full support and commitment of senior management, as well as close and continuous engagement with all stakeholders, keeping in mind the need to address all operational requirements, are integral to the successful implementation of the information and communications technology strategy;

16. *Recalls* its resolution 63/262, acknowledges the responsibilities and the importance of the strong central leadership of the Chief Information Technology Officer for the overall direction and performance of information and communications technology activities within the Organization, and in this regard emphasizes the need for appropriate delegation of authority and procedures for ensuring compliance with the revised information and communications technology

strategy guidelines on, inter alia, operations, security, investment and oversight at United Nations offices, in particular those related to the field;

17. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to request the Board of Auditors to expand coverage of its audit of the information and communications technology expenditures of all entities of the Secretariat, main duty stations, peacekeeping operations and other field-based offices and to report thereon in the context of future reports of the Board;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 43 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all entities of the Secretariat report to the Chief Information Technology Officer on all issues relating to information and communications technology activities, resource management, standards, security, architecture, policies and guidance, and also requests the Secretary-General to provide, at the seventieth session of the General Assembly, a progress report on lessons learned in this regard, for its consideration;

III

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Recalling part XI of its resolution 64/243, section VII of its resolution 66/247 and section V of its resolution 68/247 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[7]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[6]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[7] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide to the General Assembly at its seventieth session detailed information on measures to expedite the commencement of construction work related to the strategic heritage plan;

5. *Reiterates* paragraph 8, section V, of its resolution 68/247 A;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reaffirms paragraphs 5 and 6 of section V of its resolution 68/247 A;

7. *Welcomes* the loan package offered by the Government of Switzerland, and notes that both the loan package and other alternative funding mechanisms will be discussed in the context of the financing scheme at the main part of its seventieth session;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of section V of its resolution 68/247 A and paragraph 63 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to negotiate with the host country on the most preferential terms and modalities for the loan arrangements for both the renovation and the construction portions of the strategic heritage plan and to report thereon at the main part of its seventieth session;

[6] A/69/417 and Corr.1.

[7] A/69/580.

9. *Also recalls* paragraph 69 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore all possible alternative funding mechanisms in order to reduce the overall assessment on Member States and to report on concrete steps taken in this regard at the main part of its seventieth session;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of attracting additional United Nations entities to be accommodated at the renovated Palais des Nations and to report thereon in his next progress report;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 78 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to explore the feasibility and ways of factoring future rental income into a comprehensive plan for the financing of the strategic heritage plan;

12. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring effective governance and oversight with respect to the implementation of the strategic heritage plan at the earliest stages of the project;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present revised proposals with regard to the governance and oversight framework, with a view to ensuring effective oversight at the earliest stages of the project, and to include more detailed information on the scope, composition, technical expertise and decision-making mechanisms as well as the functional arrangements of the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board in the context of his next progress report;

14. *Emphasizes* that the Advisory Board shall be independent and impartial, with its membership reflecting a wide geographical representation while ensuring that the required expertise is ensured;

15. *Also emphasizes* the importance of ensuring integrated and independent project assurance for the strategic heritage plan;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present a proposal for the donation policy for the consideration of the General Assembly no later than at the main part of its seventieth session;

17. *Stresses* that the proposal for the donation policy should not be restrictive and that it should be in full conformity with the international and intergovernmental character of the Organization, as well as with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[8] and without prejudice to the scope, specifications and design of the project;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that works of art, masterpieces and other gifts are handled appropriately during the design and renovation stages of the strategic heritage plan at the Palais des Nations, and also requests him to cooperate with those Member States that wish to take care of their gifts of works of art, masterpieces and other items;

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that implementation of the strategic heritage plan takes into account measures to eliminate physical, communications and technical barriers to persons with disabilities, in particular regarding improvement of the conference facilities, with full respect for the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[9] and to report on this subject in future annual progress reports;

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[8] ST/SGB/2013/4.

[9] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to follow up with the relevant authorities in the host country on the application of construction standards, including the revision of earthquake safety codes, and to report thereon in the context of his next progress report;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any revision to earthquake safety codes does not lead to cost escalation of the project;

22. *Emphasizes* the importance of achieving all the key objectives of the strategic heritage plan, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to preserve the heritage and architectural integrity of the Palais des Nations throughout all phases of the project;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to assess the potential for flexible workplace strategies in the context of the strategic heritage plan, subject to a decision by the General Assembly on this matter;

24. *Also encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibilities for the re-use of the existing furniture and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

25. *Decides* to establish seven positions comprising three project team positions and four operational experts, effective 1 January 2015;

26. *Reaffirms* that the project team is a time-limited and mission-specific endeavour and that the team should therefore not be a permanent addition to the existing structure of the Organization;

27. *Decides* to appropriate an additional amount of 26,112,600 Swiss francs, or 28,199,400 United States dollars, at initial 2014–2015 appropriation rates, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

28. *Also decides* to revert to the establishment of the multi-year special account for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of the seventieth session of the General Assembly;

IV

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling section VI of its resolution 68/247 A, its resolutions 68/248 A and C of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014 and its resolution 68/280 of 30 June 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[10] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[11]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[10]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[11] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of recommendation (b) of paragraph 18 and paragraphs 80, 93, 142 (*a*) and (*d*) and 211 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

[10] A/69/363 and Corr.1–3 and Add.1 and 2, Add.3 and Add.3/Corr.1 and Add.4 and 5.

[11] A/69/628.

4. *Recalls* paragraph 132 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the post of Medical Officer (United Nations Volunteer) at the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia;

5. *Takes note* of paragraph 142 (*f*) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides on a vacancy rate of 25 per cent for the international staff, National Professional Officer, Local level and United Nations Volunteer categories for the United Nations Electoral Observer Mission in Burundi;

6. *Also takes note* of paragraph 153 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides on a reduction in the resources proposed by the Secretary-General for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission from eight civilian observers to seven;

7. *Further takes note* of paragraph 91 (*a*) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides on a vacancy rate of 40 per cent for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 53 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and emphasizes the importance of alignment between the current arrangements being deployed under the global field support strategy and the pending global service delivery model being presented to the General Assembly for its consideration;

9. *Also recalls* paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and expresses support for the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure the safety and security of United Nations personnel and premises;

10. *Further recalls* paragraph 48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, underlines the importance of United Nations mediation activities and the need to maintain the operational readiness of the Organization to implement and support mediation efforts, including the flexible use of the rapid response capacity, and requests the Secretary-General to consider all funding options, including the existing ones;

11. *Emphasizes* that the United Nations Office to the African Union and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan are separate entities with dedicated responsibilities, notes that the current joint leadership arrangement needs to be reviewed, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to appoint expeditiously the Head of the United Nations Office to the African Union and Special Representative to the African Union and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventieth session;

12. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of its resolution 68/280, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the leadership arrangement of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventieth session;

13. *Takes note* of paragraph 109 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the establishment of the two positions at the P-4 and P-3 levels in the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the reclassification of the P-2 position to the P-3 level;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 138 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and notes that proficiency in the Russian language is desirable for the post of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia;

15. *Takes note* of paragraphs 146 and 148 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve 808,400 dollars for consultants at the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia;

16. *Also takes note* of paragraph 158 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to apply a 50 per cent reduction in the level of resources proposed under official travel to workshops and training for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 197 of the report of the Advisory Committee, encourages the Secretary-General to undertake more robust efforts to strengthen the national staffing component, whenever appropriate, by nationalizing positions, considering the availability of qualified individuals in the local labour market, and requests the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq to nationalize eight international positions;

18. *Approves* budgets totalling 480,262,600 dollars for the 35 special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council listed in table 6 of the report of the Secretary-General;[12]

19. *Also approves* a charge totalling 435,094,000 dollars net, corresponding to the undistributed balance in the provision for special political missions for the biennium 2014–2015;

20. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 31,501,300 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015, after taking into account the unspent balance of 11,966,000 dollars against the amounts approved for 2014;

21. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 1,797,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

V

Progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall

Recalling its resolution 56/270 of 27 March 2002, section IV of its resolution 58/272 of 23 December 2003, sections IX and X of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section I of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243, section III of its resolution 65/259, section VII of its resolution 66/247, section II of its resolution 67/246 and section III of its resolution 68/247 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall, and revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and section 34, Safety and security,[13] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee,[14]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[13]

[12] A/69/363/Corr.2.

[13] A/69/359.

[14] A/69/415.

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[14] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3 *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, in facilitating the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;

4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge and capacity throughout the implementation of the construction projects, as appropriate;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of section VII of resolution 66/247 and paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts to bring this matter to a swift conclusion and to provide an update in his next progress report;

6. *Acknowledges* the successful substantial completion of the construction of additional office facilities, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the completion of the remaining ancillary work by June 2015;

7. *Notes with concern* the continued deterioration of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure robust internal project control mechanisms in the context of the scope, cost, schedule and quality of the Africa Hall renovation project;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to mitigate potential risks and to monitor closely the Africa Hall renovation project in order to avoid any further delay;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full accountability for the delays in the Africa Hall renovation project at the Economic Commission for Africa and to include that information in his next annual progress report;

11. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of guidance, interaction and coordination between the United Nations Secretariat in New York, on the one hand, and the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, on the other, with clear reporting lines;

12. *Recalls* paragraphs 20, 34 and 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly detailed information on expenditure and total cost estimates of the Africa Hall renovation project;

13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to seek voluntary contributions for the Africa Hall renovation project and to report to the General Assembly on the progress at the main part of its seventieth session;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard looks forward to receiving updates on the study in the next progress report;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore additional means to increase the utilization of the conference centre at the Economic Commission for Africa, including with its partners, such as the African Union, and to report thereon, including on the impact of the initiatives of the Commission, to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

16. *Takes note* of paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

17. *Decides* to make a final decision on the establishment of a separate and multi-year account for the renovation of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa at its seventieth session in the context of its consideration of the budget proposal;

18. *Also decides* to appropriate an additional amount of 2,610,000 dollars net, before recosting, comprising 125,200 dollars under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, 2,184,000 dollars under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, 300,800 dollars under section 34, Safety and security, and 46,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

19. *Emphasizes* the need for the Office of Internal Oversight Services of the Secretariat to continue to provide oversight of the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa, in particular the renovation of Africa Hall, and to continue to include information on key findings in the context of the annual reports of the Office on its activities;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the annual progress report on the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa, to include information on progress related to the implementation of the Africa Hall renovation project;

21. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to update Member States, through the Office of Central Support Services of the Secretariat, on the progress of the construction projects;

VI

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its 2014 session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[15] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[16]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[15]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[16] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the consideration of the cost-sharing arrangement by the General Assembly, and looks forward to receiving all relevant information on the resource requirements for the United Nations share in the arrangement in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016–2017;

[15] A/69/535.

[16] A/69/609.

VII

Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2014 to 2034

Recalling its resolution 60/282 of 30 June 2006, section III of its resolution 67/254 A and its decision 68/549 B of 9 April 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[17] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee,[18]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[17]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[18] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Recognizes* the need to resolve the long-term accommodation needs of the Organization, and identifies four viable options, namely options 1, 2, 3 and 4 presented in the report of the Secretary-General, or a combination of any of those options;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of section III of its resolution 67/254 A, and requests the Secretary-General to present, at the main part of its seventieth session, comprehensive information on all aspects pertinent to option 3, which, subject to additional information to be provided, appears to be a very feasible and serious option;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure equal treatment of all viable options identified in the present resolution and to work towards securing the most favourable terms for the Organization in addressing its long-term accommodation needs;

6. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to conduct high-level dialogue with all relevant entities regarding the long-term accommodation needs for United Nations Headquarters, and decides that these consultations on all options shall not represent a commitment by the Organization and shall be without prejudice to any future decision by the General Assembly;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of section III of its resolution 67/254 A, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated comprehensive information on the four viable options identified in the present resolution at its seventieth session, in particular:

(*a*) Financial costs and accurate cost projections related to a building on the North Lawn, funded through a special assessment, including the projected United Nations space accommodation and design requirements;

(*b*) Financial costs, availability of third-party financing and accurate cost projections related to a building on the North Lawn, including the projected United Nations space accommodation and design requirements;

(*c*) Financial costs on the basis of a preliminary credit rating issuance, proposed lease terms and accurate cost projections related to the United Nations Consolidation Building, including projected United Nations space accommodation and design requirements;

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[17] A/68/734.

[18] A/68/798.

(*d*) Financial costs and accurate cost projections related to continuing commercial lease arrangements;

(*e*) Any other relevant issues, including the cost of exploring each option;

8. *Affirms* that nothing in the present resolution shall incur financial or legal obligations for the United Nations in relation to the United Nations Consolidation Building or any other option for the long-term accommodation needs of the Organization;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure effective oversight and audit coverage in all phases of the project;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and, without prejudice to a decision the General Assembly may take on the implementation of a flexible workplace strategy, requests the Secretary-General to pursue further analysis in order to obtain statistically substantiated estimations of the impact that the implementation of a flexible workplace strategy would have on the projection of the office space requirements;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to any decision it may take on the new global service delivery model, to inform the General Assembly of the possible impact that the implementation of Umoja and the new global service delivery model could have in terms of the number, skills and location of staff, as this can be of capital importance for the planning of future office space requirements;

12. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of section III of its resolution 67/254 A, and underlines the need to respect the architectural integrity of the United Nations complex and of the original design of the Board of Design Consultants in considering the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, as appropriate and within the scope of his reports on the strategic capital review and the global service delivery model, information concerning the long-term accommodation needs for United Nations offices away from Headquarters, including in Geneva, Nairobi and Vienna and for the regional commissions;

VIII

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[19] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[20]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[19]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[20]

3. *Approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 11,705,800 dollars net, including 3,308,700 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 8,383,900 dollars under

[19] A/69/615.

[20] A/69/670.

section 24, Human rights, 2,000 dollars under section 28, Public information, and 11,200 dollars under section 29F, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015; in addition, an amount of 174,100 dollars will be required under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

4. *Also approves* the establishment, as from 1 January 2015, of nine posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 7 P-3) under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

IX

Revised estimates resulting from the requests contained in General Assembly resolution 69/2, entitled "Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples"

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General[21] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[22]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[21]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[22]

3. *Decides* to appropriate resources in the amount of 101,800 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015, representing a charge against the contingency fund;

X

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to section 5, Peacekeeping operations, section 8, Legal affairs, section 27, Humanitarian assistance, section 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, section 29C, Office of Human Resources Management, section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, section 34, Safety and security, and section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015 for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response[23] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[24]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[23]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee,[24] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

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[21] A/69/521.

[22] A/69/657.

[23] A/69/590 and Corr.1.

[24] A/69/660.

3. *Expresses gratitude* for the efforts of the Secretary-General and other actors in tackling the crisis caused by the outbreak of the Ebola virus disease and for the dedicated service and commitment of the personnel of the United Nations system who are engaged in the effort to combat the spread of Ebola;

4. *Encourages* greater emphasis on reallocating resources and activities from the headquarters of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response to the front line in order to achieve maximum impact on the ground;

5. *Also encourages* the Mission to make maximum use of existing United Nations assets and capabilities in the region;

6. *Regrets* that the proposed staffing structure appears to be large, with a number of positions at high levels, and requests the Secretary-General to review, in the context of the next budget proposal, the staffing requirements of both the Mission and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on Ebola, with a view to ensuring that the staffing structure is commensurate with their mandates and that the financial resources are concentrated on operational activities;

7. *Takes note* of paragraphs 60 to 62 and 68 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide detailed information on the coordination role of the Mission with regard to the United Nations system-wide response effort to the Ebola virus disease in the context of his next budget report;

9. *Also recalls* paragraph 64 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to provide the requested information in the context of his next budget report;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 104,582,400 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 49,943,600 dollars authorized by its resolution 69/3 of 9 October 2014 for the biennium 2014–2015, to provide for the requirements of the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response for the period from 19 September 2014 to 30 June 2015, pending the submission of a detailed budget at the second part of the resumed sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, and decides to assess the amount of 104,582,400 dollars;

XI

Financial implications relating to the administration of justice at the United Nations

Recalling its resolution 69/203 of 18 December 2014 on the administration of justice at the United Nations,

Decides to approve an additional amount of 2,591,400 dollars gross (2,461,100 dollars net), before recosting, reflecting an increase of 2,413,400 dollars under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, 47,700 dollars under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, and 130,300 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

XII

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General[25] and the related report of the Advisory Committee,[26]

Recalling its resolutions 68/248 A and B, 68/247 B and 68/280,

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987 and reaffirmed in subsequent resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General;[25]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee;[26]

4. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that information is provided in a timely manner and as required, with regard to potential programme budget implications arising from resolutions of the Main Committees or the plenary of the Assembly, as well as from initiatives discussed in subsidiary organs, in order to enable a fully informed decision-making process;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure that oral statements detailing resource requirements are presented to the General Assembly in a timely manner before the adoption of substantive resolutions, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and to provide information on the full scope of additional resources needed;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests that the Secretary-General provide a comprehensive assessment of the experience of forward purchasing of foreign currencies in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014–2015;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the recent experience of the utilization of the contingency fund in all its relevant aspects and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

8. *Affirms its commitment* to consider and decide on the independent study on recosting and options for the Organization in dealing with fluctuations in exchange rates and inflation and the recommendations contained therein[27] at the first part of its resumed sixty-ninth session, without precluding other options;

9. *Approves* a net increase of 34,715,300 dollars in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2014–2015 and a net increase of 9,103,200 dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections as indicated in the first performance report of the Secretary-General;

[25] A/69/612.

[26] A/69/661.

[27] See A/69/381 and A/69/640.

XIII

Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 248,900 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

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